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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: RECRUITMENT OF AMERICAN GIRLS FOR BEIRUT

REF: BEIRUT 8004

1. DEPARTMENT HAS ANSWERED NUMBER OF INQUIRIES RE  
BASHAWATY PROJECT, DRAWING ON INFO CONTAINED REFTEL.  
DETROIT INTERVIEWER FOR BASHAWATY HAS FURNISHED ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION ON PROJECT AND ASKED THAT IT BE CHECKED OUT  
WITH EMBASSY SOONEST SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE MORE SPECIFIC  
INFORMATION TO GO ON.

2. PROJECT CONSISTS OF DRIVE-IN MOVIE, AMERICAN TYPE  
SNACK BAR, RESTAURANT, AND "QUICKIE" COCKTAIL LOUNGE BEING  
BUILT IN JOUNIE ABOVE CASINO. DEVELOPMENT IS FAMILY AFFAIR  
CONSISTING OF BROTHERS ABRAHAM ABDULLA BASHAWATY (NOW RE-  
CRUITING IN STATES) AND KHALIL BASHAWATY, APPARENTLY LOOK-  
ING AFTER ENTERPRISE IN BEIRUT. INTERVIEWER HAD NO  
ADDRESS FOR KHALIL BASHAWATY AND DID NOT KNOW WHETHER OR  
NOT PROJECT HAD BEEN INCORPORATED YET. BASHAWATY FAMILY  
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LIVES IN DEDEH-EL-KOURA, SOUTH OF TRIPOLI.

3. INTERVIEWER SAYS PROPOSED CONTRACTS ARE FOR SIX MONTHS  
WITH PAY OF FORTY DOLLARS PER WEEK PLUS TIPS. GIRLS WILL

BE PROVIDED DOUBLE-ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS, ONE MEAL PER DAY (ON THE JOB), AND GROUP HOSPITALIZATION PLAN AT "AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN JOUNIE." ROUND-TRIP TICKET WILL BE PROVIDED, BUT RETURN PORTION TO BE UNDER CONTROL OF BASHAWATY TO ENSURE GIRLS STAY FULL SIX MONTHS. INTERVIEWER SAYS GIRLS WILL BE FREE IN OFF-HOURS, BUT THIS, AND PERHAPS SOME OTHER TERMS, IS NOT STATED IN CONTRACT.

4 DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SEARCHING OUT ANY INFO AVAILABLE ON THIS PROJECT. WE CONTINUE RECEIVE CALLS FROM APPLICANTS AND WISH GIVE AS ACCURATE PICTURE AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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